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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussion with the DD/I Concerning Publication of USSR
and China Mainland Atlases

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1. On 1 June 1959, during a meeting that [REDACTED] was having with Mr. Amory, I had the opportunity of presenting the story and several questions concerning the preparation and publication of two atlases being prepared in the Geographic Area.

2. One atlas -- Volume II of the ATLAS OF SOVIET TERRITORIAL-ADMINISTRATIVE MAPS -- is a color separation reproduction of territorial-administrative maps procured by the Publications Procurement Officer in Moscow on the open market. The Volume II publication is a logical follow-through to the Volume I published in January 1958, which was distributed on an OFFICIAL USE ONLY basis in approximately 200 copies to various offices in government. Together, Volumes I and II of this Atlas will cover approximately 80% of the USSR. It is thought that these two volumes -- since they are a major contribution to our knowledge of territorial-administrative districts in the USSR -- should be made available to universities and research institutions throughout the United States on an UNCLASSIFIED basis. The question was put to Mr. Amory as to whether or not the atlases could be published on an UNCLASSIFIED basis with attribution to CIA. His answer was YES, providing their availability does not compromise the source. Since they were procured by the PPO in Moscow through purchase on the open market, the answer is that publication will not compromise the source. Another question concerned the gift of the atlases vs. making them available for sale through the Government Printing Office. It was agreed that since the cost of reproduction would amount to some \$30 to \$35 per copy, it would be advisable to make arrangements through GPO to publish and sell both volumes of the atlas without any cost to CIA.

3. The Atlas on MAINLAND CHINA, showing the Communist administrative units, was described to Mr. Amory and the same question concerning attribution to CIA was raised. His answer was in the affirmative, provided that the publication of the Atlas on an UNCLASSIFIED basis did not in any way compromise the source. It has been ascertained that the information upon which the atlas is based was procured on the open market in Hong Kong by the Publications Procurement Officer, and that its publication will not in any way jeopardize his continued activity. It was decided that arrangements would be made to have the GPO publish the China Atlas on an UNCLASSIFIED basis with attribution to CIA and to have it put on sale by the Superintendent of Documents, GPO.

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4. For the publication of both of these atlases, it will be necessary for representatives of the Geographic Area to make appropriate arrangements with the Reproduction Division and other elements of the DD/S to have the atlases published not only to take care of governmental needs -- which is CIA responsibility -- but also, through their publication and sale by the GPO, to take care of extra-governmental needs. It would also be appropriate for the Geographic Area to notify organizations which have been suggested as recipients of gift copies that the atlases will be published and made available for sale.

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